

**16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to provide a quick update on recent happenings and upcoming events in the Academy:

**Thank you:** A heartfelt thank you to the parents/carers who attended the Headteacher drop-in evening on Wednesday, 12th June. It was lovely to meet you all, and I look forward to meeting more of you in due course.

**Assessments:** A quick reminder that students are currently in the middle of their assessments. We will share a report with the outcomes of these assessments toward the end of the term.

**Tutor time:** During tutor time, we have been focusing on boys' and men's mental health, as well as celebrating PRIDE month. We believe these topics are vital for our students' well-being and awareness.

Tutor time is also when rewards points for the day are allocated, so it is important that your child attends on time each day.

**Uniform:** Thank you to all parents and carers who are ensuring your child(ren) are in the correct academy uniform. We want to ensure that all of our pupils are meeting our uniform expectations, enabling us to have a positive start to each day.

**Creative writing and poetry competition:** We are excited to announce an art competition themed around drawing your favourite singer, and a creative writing competition focused on PRIDE. We encourage all students to participate and showcase their talents.

**SEND:** A reminder, every Tuesday evening from 3 – 5pm we offer an open-door drop-in service where parents/carers can discuss their son/daughter's SEND needs.

**Library and homework club:** The school library is open every day from 8am to 8.20am; 10.50am – 11.05am; lunch time and after school, until 4pm (3.30pm on a Friday). We would encourage pupils who want support with homework to attend. Pupils can access books, as well as use computers, to complete their homework.

**Languages support: Duolingo** is an app that can be downloaded on to any smart device. It provides gamified learning that allows a student to monitor and track their progress. It is a fun and effective way to master French, especially for students preparing for their GCSE exams in the subject.





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A L.E.A. Science support: SENECA is an app that boosts student's science knowledge. The science department recommends it because it allows for effective revision to master concepts with targeted revision. It covers a wide range of science topics with detailed explanations.

**After-school activities:** Our after-school revision sessions and enrichment programs are ongoing, providing valuable opportunities for students to further their learning and interests beyond the regular curriculum.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports	Girls Football Table Tennis	Boys Football Y7 Dance	Netball Fitness Rugby		
Other	Drama	D&D Club	DT Club		
Period 7 Revision	History	Health and Social Care	PE – Sports Studies	Library Independent Study	
	Geography		Science Practical 225		
			Maths Higher		
			English Foundation <b>(invitation only)</b>		
			Music		
			Food		

**Guitar lessons:** If your child has expressed an interest in learning the guitar, we are pleased to inform you that opportunities for lessons are available through the Sheffield Music Hub. To enroll your child, please follow the link below.

[www.sheffieldmusichub.org/pages/music-lessons-in-schools](http://www.sheffieldmusichub.org/pages/music-lessons-in-schools)

The Music Hub will coordinate with the school to organise convenient times for in-school tuition.

Thank you for your ongoing support and communication, and I would like to end by wishing **Eid Mubarak** to all those who are celebrating!

Warm regards,

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